Low-Calorie, Lower-Fat Alternative Foods

| Higher-Fat Foods | Lower-Fat Foods | | |
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| Dairy Products | | | |
| □ Evaporated whole milk □ Whole milk □ Ice cream □ Whipping cream □ Sour cream □ Cream cheese □ Cheese (cheddar, Swiss, jack) □ American cheese | Evaporated fat-free (skim) or reduced-fat (2%) milk Low-fat (1%), reduced-fat (2%), or fat-free (skim) milk Sorbet, sherbet, low fat or fat-free frozen yogurt, or ice Imitation whipped cream (made with fat-free [skim] milk) Plain low-fat yogurt Neufchatel or "light" cream cheese or fat-free cream cheese Reduced-calorie cheese, low-calorie processed cheeses, etc. Fat-free cheese Fat-free American cheese or other types of fat-free cheeses | | |
| Regular (4%) cottage cheese Whole milk mozzarella cheese Whole milk ricotta cheese Coffee cream (1/2 and 1/2) or nondairy creamer (liquid, powder) | Low-fat (1%) or reduced-fat (2%) cottage cheese Part-skim milk, low-moisture mozzarella cheese Part-skim milk ricotta cheese Low-fat (1%) or reduced-fat (2%) milk or non-fat dry milk powder | | |
| Ramen noodles Pasta with white sauce (alfredo) Pasta with cheese sauce Granola | Rice or noodles (spaghetti, macaroni, etc.) Pasta with red sauce (marinara) Pasta with vegetables (primavera) Bran flakes, crispy rice, etc. Cooked grits or oatmeal Reduced-fat granola t, Fish and Poultry | | |
| Coldcuts or lunch meats (bologna, salami, liverwurst, etc.) Hot dogs (regular) Bacon or sausage Regular ground beef Chicken or turkey with skin, duck, or goose Oil-packed tuna Beef (chuck, rib, brisket) Pork (spareribs, untrimmed loin) Frozen breaded fish or fried fish (homemade or commercial) Whole eggs Frozen TV dinners (containing more than 13 grams of fat per serving) Chorizo sausage | Low-fat coldcuts (95 to 97% fat-free lunch meats, low-fat pressed meats) Lower-fat hot dogs Canadian bacon or lean ham Extra lean ground beef such as ground round or ground turkey (read labels) Chicken or turkey without skin (white meat) Water-packed tuna (rinse to reduce sodium content) Beef (round, loin) (trimmed of external fat) (choose select Pork tenderloin or trimmed, lean smoked ham Fish or shellfish, unbreaded (fresh, frozen, canned in water) Egg whites or egg substitutes Frozen TV dinners (containing less than 13 grams of fat per serving and lower in sodium) Turkey sausage, drained well (read label) Vegetarian sausage (made with tofu) | | |

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| Baked Goods | | | |
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| Croissants, brioches, etc. Donuts, sweet rolls, muffins, scones, or pastries Party crackers Cake (pound, chocolate, yellow) Cookies | ☐ Hard french rolls or soft brown 'n serve rolls ☐ English muffins, bagels, reduced-fat or fat-free muffins or scones ☐ Low-fat crackers (choose lower in sodium) ☐ Saltine or soda crackers (choose lower in sodium) ☐ Cake (angel food, white, gingerbread) ☐ Reduced-fat or fat-free cookies (graham crackers, ginger snaps, fig bars) (compare calorie level) | | |
| Snacks and Sweets | | | |
| Nuts Ice cream, e.g., cones or bars Custards or puddings (made with whole milk) | ☐ Popcorn (air-popped or light microwave), fruits, vegetables ☐ Frozen yogurt, frozen fruit or chocolate pudding bars ☐ Puddings (made with skim milk) | | |
| Fats, Oils, and Salad Dressings | | | |
| Regular margarine or butter Regular mayonnaise Regular salad dressings Butter or margarine on toast or bread Oils, shortening, or lard | □ Light spread margarines, diet margarine, or whipped butter, tub or squeeze bottle □ Light or diet mayonnaise or mustard □ Reduced-calorie or fat-free salad dressings, lemon juice, or plain, herb flavored, or wine vinegar □ Jelly, jam, or honey on bread or toast □ Nonstick cooking spray for stir-frying or sautéing □ As a substitute for oil or butter, use applesauce or prune puree in baked goods | | |
| Miscellaneous | | | |
| Canned cream soups Canned beans and franks Gravy (homemade with fat and/or milk) Fudge sauce Avocado on sandwiches Guacamole dip or refried beans with lard | □ Canned broth-based soups □ Canned baked beans in tomato sauce □ Gravy mixes made with water or homemade with the fat skimmed off and fat-free milk □ Chocolate syrup □ Cucumber slices or lettuce leaves □ Salsa | | |

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